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1. Pecovnik Mine - The Pecovnik mine is situated near Lasko. The production of this mine varies from 400 to 500 tons per day. It is an underground mine. The quality of the coal is five thousand calories per kilo with a very low percentage of sulfur. In 1946 the reserves of this mine were low. There were only three fourths to one million tons of known reserves. The coal body is in the form of lenses. Therefore, exploration by drilling does not give a true picture. A considerable area around this mine is laden with coal lenses.

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- 2. Mirsko Sredisce This mine is located on the river Drava on the Croation border. The daily production of this mine is 400 tons. It is a complete underground operation and the coal is in seams running up to as high as 100 feet thick. The coal is between brown and lignite giving four thousand calories per kilo. The percentage of sulfur is low running fairly steady at eight-tenths of one per cent. The mine has extra large reserves. The vicinity of the mine has been drilled and the end of the coal field has not yet been found. There is enough coal in sight so that there is no need to explore further for several years.
- 3. Rasa The Rasa coal mine in Istria produces three thousand long tons per day. It is a very high grade coal but it has a high percentage of sulfur. Because of the high percentage of sulfur practically the entire production of the mine is used in power stations in Istria and Italy. The seams in this mine run from one foot to two meters thick. The number of seams run from 30 to 60 one on top of the other. The eastern coast and center of Istria are rich in bituminous coal and like the Rasa mine have a high percentage of sulfur. Sulfur runs as high as seven per cent in some seams.

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25X1	4. Rovinj Mine. This mine is the main bauxite mine in Istria and it is in full operation. Ore is being exported to Germany, Belgium and the UK. The production of the mine is 800 thousand to one million long tons per year of very high grade ore averaging nearly 55%. Thirty per cent of the output is loaded on boats and shipped to Flume - Rijeka and from there it is shipped to the new aluminum mill in Strnisce on the Drava River. Bauxite can be found along the entire west coast of Istria. The ore territory extends through Dalmatia into Montenegro. 5. Uranium ore has been found in the Rasa mine and throughout eastern Istria where the coal seams are similar. that Yugoslavia has research projects now in progress for the development of atomic power celieving that this area can supply needed uranium ore. The security restrictions on these projects are extremely strict; in fact, information is being suppressed concerning the presence of uranium ore in Istria.	25X1
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